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AUSTRALIA.

Plague in Adelaide.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 28, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor by the direction of the Secretary of State to inform you that the Department is in receipt of a dispatch, No. 79, of January 16, 1900, from the consul of the United States at New Castle, New South Wales, which reads as follows:

Doubtless you have been advised that the bubonic plague has broken out in Adelaide, South Australia. As the quarantine regulations of this colony are so strict all vessels arriving from the infected ports will be quarantined three weeks, and on this account it is not anticipated that the plague will reach this colony.

Respectfully, THOS. W. CRIDLER,
Third Assistant Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

BELGIUM.

Report from Antwerp.

ANTWERP, BELGIUM, *February 24, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the steamship *Westernland* sailed this morning for New York, with 590 steerage passengers. One was rejected for trachoma; another, a child with some throat affection, possibly diptheritic, was detained for observation, and with it the remainder of the family, 9 in all.

I am informed that the case mentioned in my letter of the 23d instant, upon more careful inspection, was returned to his home. It was not admitted that he was at present suffering from syphilis, but it was acknowledged that at some remote date he might possibly have had the disease.

Respectfully, E. K. SPRAGUE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Smallpox present.

VICTORIA, B. C., *March 2, 1900.*

SIR: The present status of the smallpox outbreak in this Province is as follows:

District, city or municipality.	Date of outbreak.	New cases since last report.	Total cases.	Died.	Recovered.	Still sick.
Nelson District	Feb. 8	0	1	0	0	1
Nelson City	Feb. 16	0	1	0	0	1
Rossland	Feb. 9	1	3	0	0	3
Nakusp	Feb. 28	1	1	0	0	1
Total		2	6	0	0	6

Rossland and Nelson cases are in pesthouses. Beaver case in isolated shanty. All persons in contact with a case when discovered are quar-

antined. Sixty-four people are quarantined at Nelson—14 at Beaver. I have not full report of Nakusp case; as yet diagnosis is in doubt.

C. J. FAGAN,
Secretary Provincial Board of Health.

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CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *March 5, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended March 3, 18 deaths have occurred in this city, 1 from malaria, 1 from intestinal disease, and 4 from tuberculosis. Four of these deaths were in the civil hospital. Death rate, 23.46. Seven foreign vessels were inspected and passed, 6 receiving bills of health for other ports.

During the month of February 98 deaths have occurred in this city; of this number 27 were in the civil hospital. Thirty-four vessels, 1,316 members of crews, and 108 passengers have been inspected and passed.

Of the 8 cases of yellow fever taken off the training ship *Lancaster*, upon arrival here February 19, 6 are well and will be sent to New York by transport March 6, all clothing being disinfected previous to departure. The 2 remaining not being well enough to go by this vessel, will be sent on the next transport.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports no deaths during the week, no contagious diseases, and no foreign vessels inspected.

Respectfully, J. M. LINDSLEY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Havana.

HAVANA, CUBA, *March 6, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the report for this station for the week ended March 3, 1900. I have been here too short a time to be entitled, on the above, to any opinion as to the sanitary condition of the city. The mortality of the city is low, as will be seen by the accompanying report: Two cases and 1 death of yellow fever reported. Seven cases of that disease are now under treatment. There are only 2 cases of smallpox in town, both isolated in the pesthouse. Indeed, Cuba is nearly free from that disease. The decidedly cool weather we have been, and are still, having should make at least a temporary diminution in the number of cases of yellow fever. There were 17 cases of yellow fever with 9 deaths in February, nearly all being among newly (within six months) arrived Spaniards.

Respectfully, H. R. CARTER,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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